

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 17, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 140, 2/13/2017
Executive Action: HB 384 & HB 363

00:01:56 Recess
00:16:58 Reconvene
00:17:00 Rep. C. Knudsen joins meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 363

00:17:18 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 363 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:17:30 Rep. Olsen

00:18:02 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 363 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh35a01)

Discussion:

00:18:19 Rep. Olsen
00:18:24 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
00:19:15 Vice Chair Skees
00:19:33 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
00:20:00 Vice Chair Skees
00:20:29 Rep. Olsen
00:20:46 Chair Zolnikov
00:21:23 Vice Chair Skees
00:21:52 Rep. Custer
00:22:08 Chair Zolnikov

00:22:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Rep. McConnell and Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

00:23:44 Vice Chair Skees

00:24:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Redfield voting aye. Rep. McConnell and Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

00:25:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 363 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. McConnell and Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 384

00:26:34 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 384 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:26:49 Vice Chair Hayman
00:27:10 Rep. A. Knudsen
00:28:05 Rep. Olsen
00:28:43 Rep. A. Knudsen
00:29:07 Rep. Olsen
00:29:21 Rep. A. Knudsen
00:29:54 Rep. Custer

00:30:26 Vice Chair Skees

00:30:51 Rep. A. Knudsen

00:31:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. McConnell and Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

00:32:40 Vice Chair Hayman

EXHIBIT(feh35a02)

00:33:55 Recess

00:39:19 Reconvene

00:40:00 Chair Zolnikov relinquishes Chair to Rep. McConnell

HEARING ON SB 140

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:52 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 140, Allow low-interest coal tax trust fund loans to certain local governments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:16 Jim Atchison, South Eastern Development

00:45:18 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:46:26 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:46:38 Dave Galt, Montana Association of Gas and Coal Counties Inc.

00:46:58 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip, Rosebud County & Musselshell County

00:47:45 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:48:49 Herb Kulow, Self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:30 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:49:52 Sen. Ankney

00:50:09 Rep. Hertz

00:50:37 Sen. Ankney

00:51:21 Rep. Hertz

00:51:51 Sen. Ankney

00:52:58 Rep. Olsen

00:54:07 Sen. Ankney

00:54:37 Rep. Olsen

00:55:12 Sen. Ankney

00:55:24 Rep. Rosendale

00:55:46 Sen. Ankney

00:56:22 Rep. Rosendale

00:56:32 Sen. Ankney

00:56:57 Herb Kulow, Self

00:59:29 Rep. Rosendale

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00:59:45 Herb Kulow, Self
01:00:58 Rep. Zolnikov
01:01:33 Sen. Ankney
01:02:49 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
01:04:51 Rep. Custer
01:05:43 Herb Kulow, Self
01:07:26 Vice Chair Skees
01:07:48 Rep. Morigeau joins meeting
01:08:13 Herb Kulow, Self
01:10:41 Vice Chair Skees
01:10:59 Herb Kulow, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:16 Sen. Ankney

01:13:07 Chair Zolnikov
01:13:39 Vice Chair Skees
01:13:59 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
01:14:30 Chair Zolnikov
01:15:00 Rep. Redfield
01:15:20 Chair Zolnikov
01:15:26 Vice Chair Hayman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:16:11

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh35aad.pdf](#))